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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the final Office Communication dated April 12, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: